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SUBJ: STATUS REPORT ON PETROLEUM EXPLORATION IN PARAGUAY

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1. THE SEARCH FOR PETROLEUM IN PARAGUAY IS SHIFTING INTO HIGH GEAR, WITH FIVE EXPLORATORY WELLS TO BE DRILLED IN 1977 BY TEXACO PARAGUAY INC. AND BY THE CHACO EXPLORATION COMPANY.

2. TEXACO PARAGUAY (FORMED BY TEXACO AND MARATHON OIL), AFTER EXTENSIVE PREOMINARY EXPLORATORY WORK, PLANS TO BEGIN DRILLING ITS FIRST WELL IN MID-APRIL. THE COMPANY WILL DRILL CLOSE TO THE TIMANE RIVER NORTHWEST OF CIERRO LEON, SOME 45 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF THE BOLIVIAN BORDER. THE COMPANY HAS SELECTED A LOCATION FOR A SECOND WELL, ALSO IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE CHACO BUT TO THE EAST OF THE FIRST WELL, WITH DRILLING TO START AS SOON AS WEATHER CONDITIONS PERMIT.

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LOCATION FOR THE THIRD PROPOSED WELL WILL DEPEND UPON FINDINGS FROM THE FIRST TWO WELLS.

3. THE CHACO EXPLORATION COMPANY, WHICH HAS JUST BEEN FORMED BY A GROUP OF INDEPENDENT AMERICANS WITH EXPERIENCE IN MANY ASPECTS OF PETROLEUM EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION, PLANS TO BEGIN DRILLING ONE WELL

LATE IN APRIL AND A SECOND WELL LATER THIS YEAR. THEY ARE WORKING IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE OLD PENNZOIL CONCESSION AND WILL BE DRILLING CLOSE TO THE 22ND. PARALLEL ABOUT 150 KILOMETERS TO THE WEST OF MARISCAL ESTIGARRIBIA.

4. ESSO, WHICH BROUGHT IN A DRY WELL IN 1976, IS STILL CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF DRILLING ANOTHER WELL SOMETIME IN LATE 1977.  
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